

Kia ora koutou

Dear Parents and Whānau

Junior Parent Evening: We are offering an opportunity at the end of this term for parents / whānau to meet with teachers of junior (Years 9 and 10) classes. This will be held on Thursday 2 July 4 - 8pm. If the demand is higher than we can cope with, a further opportunity will be considered early next term.

NZQA Changes for 2020 NCEA Qualifications: You would have heard on the news last night about changes to NCEA:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain **additional credits**, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA through internal or external assessment, they can be awarded an additional 1 credit.
- Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of **10 additional credits** while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of **8 additional credits**. These will be known as LR (Learning Recognition) credits.
- Students need **46 credits** at Merit or Excellence to be awarded a certificate **endorsement**
- **UE** requirements are reduced from 14 to **12** credits in UE approved subjects.

While this will ease the pressure for students, it is important that they continue to keep focused on getting as many credits as possible out of Semester A.

School Donations: This year the Board of Trustees opted into the School Donations Scheme. We are now required to consult with our school community regarding feedback on the Ministry's school donations initiative in which schools are receiving funding instead of asking for donations from parents / whānau. If you would like to give feedback, please email the Board of Trustees Chair, Andrew Gordon southfarms@xtra.co.nz. Your feedback will guide the Board of Trustees in terms of whether to opt in to the initiative for 2021.

Parent Forums: We are intending to use what we have learned in the online environment to do parent forums in a different way i.e. recorded forums that will be available for Parents / Whānau to view when

convenient. The idea is that parents / caregivers email questions to studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz and a panel will introduce the topic and then answer any questions that parents have in video recording.

If you have any questions you would like the panel to cover on either of these two topics, please feel free to make contact.

Health Programme Survey: Schools are required to consult on the Health Programme they offer, particularly with regard to the sexuality education component. [Attached](#) is an overview of the Health Programme offered at HPC and following is the link to a brief survey for feedback on this. We would appreciate any [Feedback](#) to our current programme. Many thanks.

Timetable Next Week (Week 9): A reminder to all students that we have a combination of a 'normal' one-period-per-subject day on Monday followed by blocks of learning. Students will, therefore, need to bring their gear/books/resources for all their subjects on Monday. The Week 9 schedule can be viewed [here](#). We are gathering feedback from students and teachers mid-week and will make a call on how the learning will be structured for the remainder of the semester.

Winter Sports: All winter sports have had their first week of training and will be starting to have trials for team selections within the coming weeks. All students that wish to play need to attend their training times which are listed on the HPC facebook and website.

Step It Up: We have introduced a new programme called Step It Up. This is provided through a new back to school timetable structure (see Timetable Next Week (Week 9) link above) as we make our way back into "normal teaching and learning". Hopefully our students enjoy learning new things in different ways.

Community Notice: Breakaway (FREE Youth 11-17yrs, 9am-3pm): <https://enrolmy.com/pcst-community-programs/book-now/7-Breakaway>

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